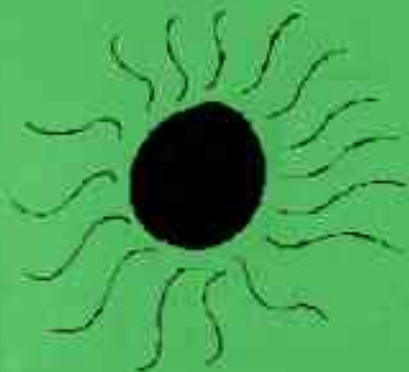


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Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?



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I write this month with the news that from late June and through July we will be welcoming Edward Woodcock to our parish. Edward will be travelling regularly from his home parish of St Helen's, Athersley to spend some time with us to gain experience of what life and ministry is like in a different sort of parish to his own. Edward is preparing to attend a national selection conference following approval by our own diocesan selectors, and is now seeking to broaden his experiences of differing church traditions and community life.

Many of you will remember Andrew Waude from Purston, who spent some time with us about two years ago and more recently you may have noticed that from the New Year until Easter Eddie Wynn, our own ordinand, was seconded to a parish in the centre of Leeds. So what is going on, you might ask? Is it the church's version of musical chairs?

Well, it is seen as an important part of ministry training for several reasons. In the first instance it give the candidate a more 'hands-on' experience in terms of what ordained ministry will involve. An opportunity to actually be involved in some of the day-to-day tasks of parish (and others where appropriate) ministry.

The placement is also planned in a way that the candidate undergoes a different experience to that which he, or she, used too i.e. an attempt is made to place him in a parish with a very different churchmanship or social make-up to the one they have grown up with. This will hopefully challenge the candidates previous assertions and broaden their outlook and knowledge of what ministry is. However, in all this it should be endured that it will not be a negative experience that the candidate will either be put off for life or entrenched deeper in the long held and perceived safe tradition!

With the ordinations in our diocese at the beginning of this month (2nd & 3rd), the request for Edward to serve a placement in our parish, reminded me of the final year of my training when I too did one months full-time placement in an extremely rural part of north Lincolnshire – a parish of four villages, the largest of which had a population of 250!

Although it was a very different setting for someone like myself who was a lifelong 'townie,' it proved to be a very positive and enriching experience, both spiritually and in a practical sense. So much so that the vicar still continues to be a close friend



The Rector Writes ...



and my spiritual director many years later. Whenever I return, I am still greeted in the thickest Lincolnshire drawl "*Nuarr then placement.*" I hope that it will similarly be a positive and affirming experience for Edward.

So what can we all learn from this aspect of the churches ministerial training programme? Well, in the first place, we can all in some way help to make our forthcoming placement's time a happy and fruitful experience.

In another sense, I think we can all learn from the intentions of this aspect of ministerial training in that we could all, it were possible, do with going on a placement, they say a change is as good as a rest.

Certainly it does no harm to experience something different to that which we are constantly used to.. Although it is natural to put down

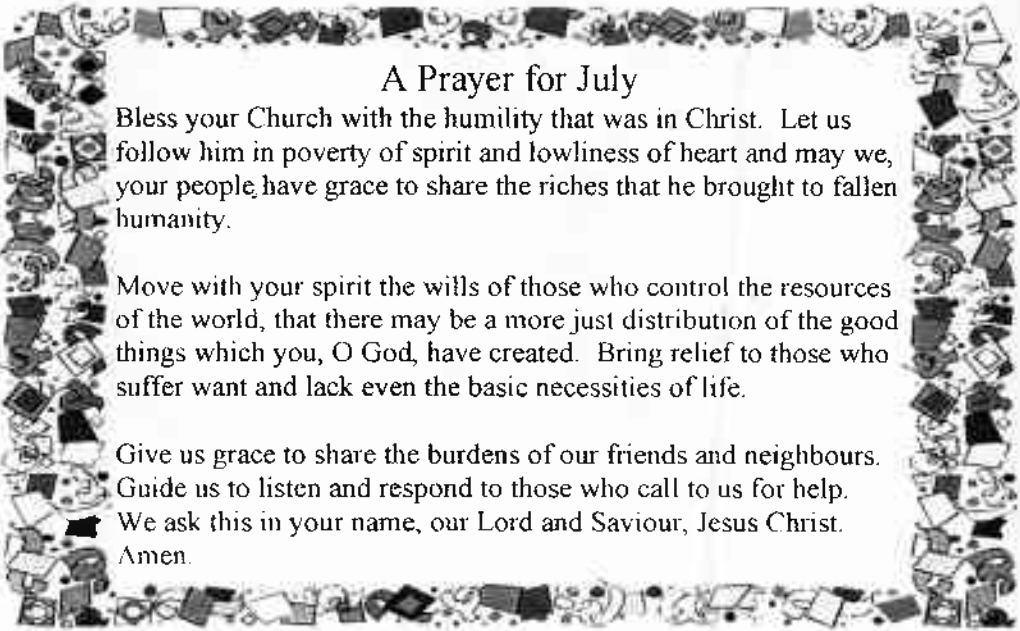
roots, it does mean that we might also become very fixed in our ways and narrow or parochial in our outlook. Seeing how 'the other half lives' metaphorically speaking, helps to both appreciate more our own position and become more tolerant of others.

I know that to physically move somewhere else for a period of time is impractical, if not impossible, but we should try when the opportunity occurs to get to know or at least speak to others of different traditions or social setting to our own.

In the words of Saint Paul, we should never be quick to take offence or gloat over another's sins, but in a general sense, try to be open minded and open-hearted towards those who are different to ourselves.

Yours in Christ

Paul.



A Prayer for July

Bless your Church with the humility that was in Christ. Let us follow him in poverty of spirit and lowliness of heart and may we, your people, have grace to share the riches that he brought to fallen humanity.

Move with your spirit the wills of those who control the resources of the world, that there may be a more just distribution of the good things which you, O God, have created. Bring relief to those who suffer want and lack even the basic necessities of life.

Give us grace to share the burdens of our friends and neighbours.

Guide us to listen and respond to those who call to us for help.

We ask this in your name, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

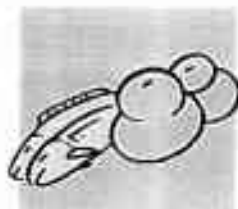


Cool Kids!

Find the answers to the questions below in John Chapter 6. Search horizontally, vertically and diagonally in both directions.

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1. These were made from barley. v. 9.
2. Do you have this with chips?
3. Twelve were filled after the picnic. v. 13.
4. He found a small boy with some food. v. 8.
5. They sat by this sea. v. 1.
6. Jesus asked him to go shopping. v. 5.
7. Lots of people. v. 2.
8. This feast was near. v. 4.



Answers to last month's puzzle.

Jesus, Saviour, Emmanuel, Son of God, Christ, Lamb of God, Messiah, Lord

Social Committee News

The Social Committee continue to meet to plan activities for the coming months, our recent events, the Spring Extravaganza and the Gala took a lot a planning with a great deal of help needed from many people.

At the time of writing plans were nearing completion for our entry in the Float procession part of the Ackworth Gala. Our grateful thanks to those who designed, supplied materials and actually produced everything needed to decorate such a huge float. Our thanks also go to Gloystarne who provided the lorry and the driver on the day.

The Wakefield Metropolitan Band will be with us again on October 7th, so please make a note in your diary.

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2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mrs Walters		Mrs M Walker
9th Proper 9			
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10			Mr D Cook
2 Corinthians 12:2-10			Mr D Cook
16th Proper 10			
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Helen Parkinson		Miss Smith
Ephesians 1:3-14	Helen Parkinson		Miss Smith
23rd Proper 11			
2 Samuel 7:1-14a			Mrs V Cook
Ephesians 2:11-22	Ann Attack		Mrs V Cook
30th Proper 12			
2 Samuel 11:1-15	Mrs Riley		Mrs Cooper
Ephesians:3:14-21	Mrs Riley		Mrs Cooper



Flowers

	SC	
2nd Mrs Barrow		Vacant
9th Vacant		Miss Smith
16th Mrs Hurst		Mrs Miles
23rd Mrs Bateman		Vacant
30th Vacant		Vacant

AS Brasses

From the Registers

Baptisms

28th May Jack Henry Weller

Blessing

6th May Andrew P Sharp and Janet C Davison

27th May Dean Peter Evans and Julie Ann Guest

Funerals

15th May Joyce Warner, 53 Stonegate Drive, Pontefract, aged 85



Diary



3 Monday	7.30pm	PCC	St Cuthbert's
5 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
	7.30pm	Magazine Committee Meeting	The Rectory
7 Friday		Trip to Phantom of the Opera	
8 Saturday		M.U. Trip to Lindisfarne	
11 Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler's	All Saints'
	7.30pm	Faith, Love & Marriage - Study	St Cuthbert's
12 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
15 Saturday	10.30am	Coffee Morning*	St Cuthbert's
19 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
22 Saturday	3.00pm	Wedding - Müller/Walker	St Cuthbert's
26 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
27 Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union*	
29 Saturday	12.30pm	Wedding - Hodgson/Ellison	St Cuthbert's
	2.30pm	Wedding - Stephens/Gosnay	St Cuthbert's
28 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

AUGUST

2 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
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OCTOBER

7 Saturday	7.30pm	Wakefield Metropolitan Band Concert	
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* further details for these events can be found elsewhere in the magazine



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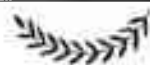
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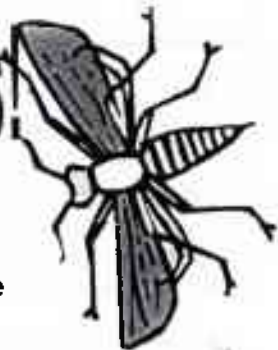
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Look out for the Litterbugs!



Ackworth Arts (of 7, College Terrace) have been awarded a small grant by D.I.V.A. (Development Initiatives for Voluntary Arts) to pay a sculptor, Mike Williams - who is one of the leading lights behind the famous Hebden Bridge Sculpture Trail - to start our own Ackworth Sculpture trail.

The plan is to provide a series of useful insect shaped litter containers in an effort to remove the litter which strews the ground along the old railway track - Dando Way - between the Angel and Mill Lane.

Initially, the funding will cover two weekends of sculptural activity - the last two weekends of July - during which time we hope to complete at least three 'Litterbugs.' The designs and ideas will come from young people in the community. We also hope scrap metal and other components of the 'Litterbugs' will be donated or found so that the bugs can be constructed of 'litter' as well as being containers, receptacles and collectors thereof.

Chris Heinitz - our local councillor - is keen that the sculpture trail involves the whole village and possible extend all along the Way with many different containers adorning the bridle and walkway, he would also like it to receive extensive funding and publicity.

We hope that our small initiative will generate enough interest and support from villagers to make this ambitious plan into a reality. Anyone interested in being involved please contact Stina Harris, tel. 611251



The Miracle Worker

Paul Fox

This is the title of a film released recently. It is an animated account of the life of Jesus, using a combination of plasticine models and cartoons. I have not seen it, but know all about it from the family.

Sadly, it has received very little publicity and consequently, when my family went to see it, there were only four other people in the whole cinema!

Back to life

This film looks at the life of Jesus through the lens of the miracles which he worked. You don't have to look far for accounts of these. The Gospels are dotted with them. His miracles are often the things which people remember most about Jesus, and with good reason. I wrote earlier this year about the healing miracles which Jesus performed, and it is these which catch the greatest attention; the healing of the lame, the deaf, the blind. But



Jesus went further than this, he actually brought people back to life. Jairus' daughter and Lazarus are the ones we hear most about.

But there are other miracles too; the feeding of the five thousand, the calming of the storm, turning water into wine, to name but a few. All of these miracles would have attracted great interest at the time in which Jesus lived. Indeed, they still do attract a great deal of attention. We can read that not only did he perform miracles, but that many people asked him to perform them to order. The Pharisees were the greatest offenders in this respect. No doubt they wanted to be

present when a miracle occurred so that they could denounce it as no more than a trick. However, Jesus did not perform miracles to order. He knew that they attracted great interest, and was glad that they did. He performed miracles in response to a need, not in response to idle interest. He was glad when interest was aroused, because it gave him the opportunity to teach many people.

The Glory of God

The miracles of Jesus still attract a lot of interest, and a lot of scepticism, just as they did in his day. Many people who read the Bible cannot see or understand what was happening, and feel that the miracles were no more than tricks. What these people seem to have missed is the greater meaning which is behind these miracles. Jesus in his own words, after healing the blind man at the pool in the Temple in John's Gospel, said that the miracle occurred so the glory of God might be revealed.

These miracles are surely great events, and would have shocked and surprised and possibly even frightened those who witnessed them, but they reveal something about the glory of God and, because they do that, something about the glory of Jesus also.

And so, in these miracle accounts we are beginning to see that Jesus was more than just a good teacher, more than a healer of people and more than just a friend for everyone who approached him for help. There is beginning to be revealed something even greater. Something which we must all search a little harder for...

Paul

All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

By Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things that I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you find them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and work and play some every day.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world. Watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup – they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think what a better world it would be if all of us – the whole world – had



cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Etcetera...

THE MOTHERS' UNION ~ July 2000

5th Corporate Communion. All Saints' Church, 9.30 am.

8th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne



11th Diocesan Prayer Day. Treacy Hall, 10.30 - 3.00 pm.
To be led by our MU Chaplain, Revd. Nils Bersweden.

27th Service and Branch Meeting. 27 Orchard Drive, 2.30 pm.

B. Firth

How to Live Superficially

(I found this on the Internet while 'searching' for something else. Makes you think! Linda S)

Never waste time. There is no danger of you making friends if you do this. Better keep busy with your own agenda and just pick up a few acquaintances as you go along. They will never be in a position to challenge or deepen you. Friends are said to provide the nearest thing to holding a mirror up to our souls.

Deny guilt. Insist that what you are said to do wrong is not your fault but down to upbringing or the way the world is. Read lots of newspapers to convince you of your righteousness when compared to the next man or woman. Shun the claim that all are sinners in case you are tempted to accept the way forward God is said to offer those who say they are guilty.

Make fun of religion. Focus on the failures of those who profess to be believers and make them stand in your mind for the Church as a whole. Be ready with tales of religious hypocrisy but avoid the thought that people might tell lies at the font to 'get baby done'. Always bring up Ireland and the Balkans, never the collapse of the Berlin Wall or Apartheid.

Avoid contemplation. It is hard to be superficial if you stop to ponder too much. There lies the chance of catching something spiritual from the way things are, if you stop to take them in. If there is a God, he may be able to reach people outside of churches and seek to do business with them there. Far better to keep the lines engaged if you can by keeping up a good pace of life.

Go with the flow. The herd instinct is absolutely natural. Remain convinced that most people are on the right road and that to challenge majority thinking is arrogance. It is better to stay superficial that to pay the price for challenging or shaping society. Conform Christ to people where they are. Who said people should be conformed to Christ?

Keep control of your life. This is essential if you are to avoid any experience of deepening. It is important not to become vulnerable through suffering. Avoid letting other people or external circumstances set your agenda overmuch. 'It's your life and you only live it once'. Never allow yourself to be humbled. See hell as other people.

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2nd July

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10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

9th July

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion and Parade	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	St Cuthbert's

16th July

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

23rd July

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

30th July

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

(an informal service for all ages)

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